

HONORING THE 2018 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPION UPPER DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Upper Dauphin High School Softball Team for winning the Pennsylvania State Championship title for the first time in the school's history.

The Upper Dauphin Trojans' softball program is one of determination, hard work, and talent. This year's win was especially impressive, as they overcame a losing record of 4–8 at midseason, and ended the season, after 13 straight victories, with a 17–8 record. Upon winning this coveted title, the Trojans made school history by being the first of the schools' softball teams to become Pennsylvania State Champions.

These exceptional athletes serve as an example for not only aspiring female athletes, but for all Pennsylvania youths. Their talent, dedication, and teamwork are a great source of pride for the school and the community at large. I am honored to represent the Upper Dauphin High School Girls Softball Team and take great pride in its remarkable achievement. I know these young women will go on to accomplish great things.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Upper Dauphin High School Softball Team and congratulating these athletes on their well-deserved 2018 State Championship title.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN MARKO BROZ FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Captain Marko Broz for his service as Sector Commander at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion, Captain Broz has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

For the last two years, Captain Broz has served as Sector Commander in Sault Sainte Marie, where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions on Lake Superior, northern Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, and all surrounding waterways. Under his leadership, the USCG worked to prevent ecological harm, clear winter ice for shipping, and allow the public to safely enjoy the waterways of Michigan's First District. His work has been critical to protecting the Great Lakes and promoting the livelihoods of Michiganders and Americans everywhere.

Captain Broz assumed duties as Sector Commander in June of 2016 after previously serving as Deputy. Prior to his work in Michigan, Captain Broz served as the Coast Guard liaison to Naval Surface Warfare (N86), intelligence and joint positions at Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Joint Interagency Task Force—South, and as a Senior Duty Officer at the

White House Situation Room. Additionally, Broz served eight years at sea in New Jersey, Guam, and Mississippi. He is a 1994 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Management and a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Captain Broz will officially retire and be relieved by Captain Patrick Nelson on July 18th at the USCG Sector Sault Sainte Marie.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Captain Marko Broz for his service to the people of Michigan with the U.S. Coast Guard. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Captain Broz all the best in his future endeavors.

THE SHELBY V. HOLDER DECISION AND THE RECENT WAVE OF VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the cornerstone of our democracy: our right to vote.

After the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision, core aspects of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were invalidated, and eligible voters now face new barriers to casting their ballot, including many voters in Alabama. Because of the Court decision, many states have enacted new voter restrictions. For example, Alabama has implemented a photo identification law, which has barred many from participating in our elections. Twenty-one million Americans, over 10 percent of the eligible voting population, do not have a government-issued ID and, in many states, these Americans are consequently unable to vote.

Senior citizens and the disabled, people who also call my district home, have been adversely impacted by the recent wave of voter suppression laws. My father was one of these voters, and I witnessed firsthand the struggles he faced just to be able to vote for his daughter when Alabama's voting law were changed.

Obtaining a photo ID is no easy task, especially since many handicapped individuals have limited mobility. The decrease in the number of driver's license offices in Alabama over the past decade has worsened this issue. Out of the 10 counties with the highest percentages of African-American voters, which constitute a majority of my district, eight have lost ID offices. Many polling stations throughout the state have also shut down, and at the local level, these changes have disproportionately affected area with a large number of black voters.

Mr. Speaker, voting is a right, not a privilege. We should be working to make our elections more accessible, not less accessible. As the U.S. Representative of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, the Civil Rights District of America, I have made it a top priority to restore the vote. That is why I have introduced H.R. 2978, the Voting Rights Advancement Act. My legislation restores and expands the original Voting Rights Act by providing federal oversight of election changes in states with a history of voter discrimination.

The recent wave of voter suppression laws undermines the progress of our nation's civil

rights trailblazers, from the women of Seneca Falls to the marchers in my hometown of Selma. We should not let them down, and we should not let our voters down.

I urge Congress to come together in a bipartisan effort to improve access to the ballot and pass H.R. 2978. It is our responsibility to uphold what our constituents so rightfully deserve: a government of the people, for the people, by the people.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this Congress does nothing to stop it.

As my colleagues head out the door for their summer vacations, thousands of American families will never again experience a vacation with a loved one because of gun violence.

As my colleagues leave town to enjoy summertime picnics, thousands of American families will never again experience a summer with their loved ones lost to gun violence.

As my colleagues enjoy the August recess with their family and friends, more Americans will lose family and friends to gun violence because this Congress failed to act.

I include in the RECORD the names of many Americans that this Republican-controlled Congress has failed.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA—AMERICANS FAILED BY A CONGRESS TOO BEHOLDEN TO THE NRA TO ACT

1. Dove Lindsey, 1,
2. Abigail Buckley, 1,
3. Kamaya Lloyd, 1,
4. Jace Alexander, 2,
5. Laila Johnson, 2,
6. Paxton Edwards, 3,
7. Brinley Edwards, 4,
8. Ky'Marley Harrington, 4,
9. Jacob Edwards, 6,
10. Aidan Lindsey, 6,
11. Taylor Hayes, 7,
12. Jennifer Trejo, 9,
13. Makiyah Wilson, 10,
14. Lillia Pluth, 10,
15. Irayan Pluth, 11,
16. Vaughn Bigelow, 13,
17. Demonte Walker, 15,
18. Tyrelle Bowyer, 15,
19. Jeremiah Stewart, 16,
20. Khambrel Manning, 16,
21. Judy Wilson, 17,
22. Tranard Gray, 17,
23. Antwon Rose, 17,
24. Shakerria King, 17,
25. Captain David Rosa,
26. Olasunkanmi Esho,
27. Bourk Esho,
28. Olivia Esho,
29. Michelle Krek,
30. Michelle Krek's unborn child,
31. Dr. Mark Hausknecht,
32. Tavish Harris,
33. Jorge Colon,
34. Firefighter Ernesto Torres,
35. U.S. Capitol Police Detective John Gibson,
36. U.S. Capitol Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut,
37. Tremel Thomas, 22,